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Inspection Report
Minerals Regulatory Program
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Mine Name: FirePit #1-4	Permit Number: S/053/0034
Operator Name: Western Hills (Ken Brown)	Inspection Date: April 10, 2008
Inspector(s): Lynn Kunzler	Time: 10:30 am
Other Participants: None	Mine Status: Inactive/ Reclaimed

Elements of Inspection

1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control
4. Deleterious Material
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)
6. Reclamation
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls,
8. Soils
9. Revegetation
10. Other

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Purpose of Inspection:

Check status of the site.

Inspection Summary:

There has been no apparent activity at this site for several years. The BLM had indicated that they would like to close this site if possible. Vegetation that has established on site is probably from volunteer vs. direct seeding or planting. Vegetation ground cover was evaluated on the mine site as well as adjacent undisturbed areas. A diverse mix of grasses, forbs and shrubs were observed. There were no hazardous areas, highwalls or steep slopes. There were no erosion problems observed and the site was free of debris.

Photos were taken to document site conditions.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

Results of the vegetation evaluation found an average of 33% ground cover on the mine site and 42% on adjacent undisturbed areas. This is about 79% of the surrounding cover. There were no noxious weeds observed. This area could be closed upon receipt of a request to close by the operator.

Inspector's Signature LKpb

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